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In re Application of:

Lee et al

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Group Art Unit: 1712

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Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 6, 2005, for which a reply was due by October 6, 2005, and for which a 5 month extension of time, i.e. until March 6, 2006, is requested herewith, Applicant proceeds as follows.

I. Applicant hereby elects an inorganic gel. This election is made with traverse because the present invention is a process invention which is independent of the specific gel being processed and thus the species are not patentably distinct from each other.

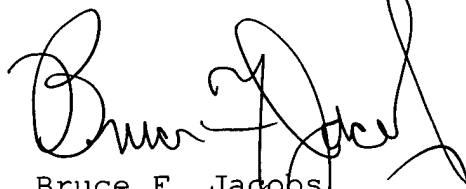
IIa. As for a specific inorganic gel, Applicants hereby elect silicon inorganic gels. Again this election is with traverse for the reasons stated above.

IIb. As for a single specific inorganic gel, Applicants hereby elect silicon inorganic gels prepared from tetraethoxysilane. Again this election is with traverse for the

reasons stated above.

As Applicant believes this election of species should be withdrawn, no claims have been deleted.

Respectfully submitted,



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